

SMOOTHING FACETS ON AN OPTICAL COMPONENT**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A method of smoothing facets on optical components is disclosed. The method includes forming a plurality of optical components into a block of optical components. The method also includes smoothing one or more sides of the block of optical components. The one or more smoothed sides are at least partially defined by edges of the optical components. In some instances, the edges of the optical components that define the side of the block include one or more waveguide facets.